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STATEMENT ON BADGERCARE EXPANSION

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway; Supervisor Peggy A. West, 2nd Vice-Chair of the County Board and Chairperson of the Health & Human Needs Committee; and Supervisor Elizabeth M. Coggs; Chairperson of the County Board's Finance & Audit Committee, issued the following statement in response to the agreement to expand the BadgerCare Plus program:

“We applaud Governor Jim Doyle, Senator Lena Taylor and the Federal government for reaching an agreement to provide insurance coverage for adults with no children. This is great news for the many people who don't have children and were left without any health care coverage. In light of the economic challenges facing Milwaukee County and the nation, helping those in need is the right thing to do.

“We look forward to working with both State and Federal lawmakers to further enhance Badger Care. The County Board has led the way to provide funding to cover enrollment fees for new clients in the County's General Assistance Medical Program. We hope to enroll as many new clients as possible before January 1st, in order to transfer them to BadgerCare when it becomes available in April.”

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